

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following replacement Abstract:

In a flow control valve, a spool is fitted into a cylindrical body including an input port and an output port. A spring is disposed between the spool and a flow rate setting plug at an end of the cylindrical body. A flow ~~by-path~~ bypass communicating with the input port and the output port is provided on an outer peripheral portion of the cylindrical body. When a quantity of a fluid flowing through the flow control valve is reduced, the fluid flowing through the flow ~~by-path~~ bypass compensates the reduction thereof. Accordingly, it is possible to maintain a constant flow rate.